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MANAGER OF APARTMENTS IN GREENTOWN RECEIVES USDA AWARD

Greentown (04-03; 11-20-2003): Each year USDA Rural Development invites nominations to recognize managers of Indiana apartment projects financed through USDA for their professionalism. USDA Rural Development announced recently that Ms. Becky Elliott has been recognized as the "Family Apartment Manager of the Year" in Indiana for 2003. Ms. Elliott is the onsite manager of Greentown and Center Meadows Apartments located in Greentown for the Olympic Management Company of Puyallup, Washington.

Ms. Elliott was presented a Special Achievement Award by Kelly Barmann, USDA Rural Development Indiana Assistant State Director, during a gathering at the apartment complex. Ms. Elliott has managed Greentown and Center Meadows Apartments for over 6 years. This award is doubly gratifying for the Olympic Management Company because these two Howard County apartment complexes were recognized by USDA last year for their superior management practices.

Greentown Apartments has 56 units and Center Meadows has 32. These apartments are designed to meet the affordable housing needs of limited income families and are an asset to the community. The one bedroom apartments offer a peaceful, country atmosphere to live and raise a family.

Many residents wrote letters to USDA in support of Ms. Elliott's nomination for this award. A typical letter expressing appreciation of Ms. Elliott said, "I can always count on Becky. My children want me to live here to be close to them and I feel that I'm in good hands. I do not want to live anywhere else. This is my home. Thank you Becky from the bottom of my heart." A neighbor to the complex also commented on Ms. Elliott's work saying, "I have lived by the Greentown Apartments since 1974 and they have never looked better. The improvements Becky has made are an attractive addition to our neighborhood. I appreciate all her efforts."

Barmann said, "In Indiana there are over 600 rural rental housing developments with nearly 14,000 apartment units financed by USDA. The residents of Greentown and Center Meadows Apartments are fortunate to have Becky Elliott as a site manager. It is obvious that she is held in very high regard by the owner and the residents."

Single family home loans, rural rental housing, water and waste water facility funding, business and industry loans, and community facility loans and grants are financial resources available from USDA Rural Development. Questions concerning these services in this area can be directed to USDA Rural Development, 1812 Troxel Drive, Suite C-1, Lafayette, IN 47909; phone 765-474-9992, extension 4.